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ALMOST ALL OF US WHO HAVE WORKED WITH SOCOPAO FIND OURSELVES
CONTINUOUSLY FRUSTRATED IN OUR SEARCH TO RELIEVE THE MAIDUGURI
BOTTLENECK. THE PROBLEM OF LACK OF PRIORITY FOR US SORGHUM
RAISED REF A AND RESTATED REF B HAS GREATEST PRIORITY.
DEPSITE REPEATED DISCUSSIONS WITH SOCOPAO PRESIDENT JOUSSAUME
WHO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT US SORGHUM HAS ABOUT LOWEST PRIORITY
POSSIBLE FOR LOADING AT MAIDUGURI, HE INSISTS THAT NOTHING CAN
BE DONE ABOUT IT. WHILE SOME OF THIS ATTITUDE MAY SIMPLY
REFLECT JOUSSAUME'S APPROACH TO DOING BUSINESS, THERE IS ALSO
A PROBABILITY OF BAD FAITH. SOCOPAO'S LONG-TERM CUSTOMERS INBCHAD HAVE
BEEN THE GRANDS MOULINS DE TCHAD WHICH IMPORTS LARGE
QUANTITIES OF BAGGED CEREALS AND SOSUTCHAD WHICH IMPORTS SUGAR.
I DOUBT VERY MUCH THAT THE HIGHER PRIORITIES GIVEN TO SUGAR
AND CEREALS FOR THESE TWO COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS ARE SIMPLY A
MATTER OF WHICH GOODS ARRIVED FIRST AND WHICH ARRIVED LAST
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AT MAIDUGURI. FOR THIS REASON I DOUBT THAT ANY PRESSURE ON

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ALRAINE TO GIVE US SORGHUM A HIGHER PRIORITY WILL BE EFFECTIVE.
I RECOMMEND LAGOS TRY TO ASSIST IN SOLVING PRIOITY PROBLEM
BY MORE DIRECT INTERVENTION IN WHOLEPROCESS OF FIXING
PRIORITIES IN MAIDUGURI EVEN IF IT COSTS USG SOME MONEY FOR
MANIPULATION OF STOCKS ALREADY THERE.NEHER

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